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III.

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the Port which for sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz. (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek).

1. Staff.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointment held
John Terence Murphy	Medical Officer	1st. February, 1955.	M.B. B.Ch. D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, Faversham Borough, Sittingbourne and Milton U.D.C. Swale R.D.C. Borough of Queenborough, Sheerness U.D.C. and Sheppey R.D.C.
Arthur John Hurn	Sanitary Inspector	1st. December, 1945	C.R.San.I.	Sanitary Inspector, Borough of Faversham.
Alexander Leslie	Sanitary Inspector	1st August, 1945	C.S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Sanitary Inspector, Sittingbourne & Milton U.D.C.

Address - Medical Officer of Health:- Municipal Offices, Preston Street, Faversham. (Telephone No. Faversham 2313).

II. Amount of Shipping entering district during the year:-

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease aboard
			Medical Officer	Sanitary Inspector	
(i) Eastern Section					
(a) Coastwise	13	1,163	Nil	2	Nil
(b) Foreign	12	1,332	Nil	3	Nil
(c) Lighter & Barges	370	14,800	Nil	1	Nil
(ii) Western Section					
(a) Coastwise	437	49,090	Nil	3	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighter & Barges	132	13,808	Nil	5	Nil
Totals	964	80,193	Nil	14	Nil

III. Character of Shipping and Trade during the year:-

(i) Passenger traffic ... Nil

(ii) Cargo traffic

(a) Eastern Section:-

Principal Imports .. Petrol, Crude Oil, Fertiliser, Grain and Timber.

Principal Exports Nil.

III. Character of Shipping and Trade (cont'd.)

(b) Western Section

Principal Imports	Gypsum stone, Coal, China Clay, Timber, Ballast and Sand.
Principal Exports	Cement and Paper.

ii) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:-

(a) Eastern Section	
Coastwise	Thames Estuary
Foreign	Rotterdam, Antwerp, Hamburg.
(b) Western Section	
Coastwise	London and Rochester
Foreign	Nil.

IV. Inland Barge Traffic — Nil

V. Water Supply

(i) Source -

(a) For the Port - Eastern Section is supplied by the Faversham Water Company and the Western Section by the Sittingbourne and Milton U.D.C. Water Undertaking. Both sources are deep wells in the chalk and the supplies are chlorinated.

(b) For Shipping - as above to hydrants on the wharves.

(ii) Reports on tests for Contamination.

Six samples were taken for bacteriological examination in the Eastern Section and fifteen in the Western Section during the year. All were satisfactory.

(iii) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hose-pipes. These are periodically inspected.

(iv) Water Boats -

Nil.

VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

(i) List of Infected Areas.

Owing to the character of the trade it is not considered necessary to issue regular lists. Cases of infectious disease would be removed to local Infectious Diseases Hospital and disinfection of Ships, persons, clothing and other articles would be carried out by the Port Sanitary Staff.

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1. There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the Port.

The character of shipping and trade is similar to that reported last year with the exception that the 'Esso' Oil Installation has closed down on Faversham Creek and has been re-sited at Dover.

2. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year:-

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3. Inspections

Fourteen inspections were made during the year, i.e., six in the eastern and eight in the western section. No nuisances were found on any of the vessels inspected and no cases of infectious disease occurred.

J. T. Murphy

Medical Officer of Health.

29th April, 1956.

(iii) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:-

(a) Eastern Section

Coastwise	...	Thames Estuary
Foreign	...	Rotterdam, Antwerp, Hamburg.

(b) Western Section

Coastwise	...	London and Rochester.
Foreign	...	Nil.

Section IV. - Inland Barge Traffic ... Nil.

Section V. - Water Supply

No change.

Section VI. - Public Health (Ships Regulations), 1952

No change.

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change.

Section IX. - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases dealt with during the year

Nil.

Section X - Malaria

Nil.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

Nil.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

Nil.

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations

No change.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change.

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change.

J. T. Humphry

Medical Officer of Health.